Chapter 457: The Limitation of Mortal Ascension

The Divine Shift in Balance

After dissolving the forbidden floors and restoring balance to the realms, Sung Jin-Woo turned his attention to the evolving dynamics of his followers, worshippers, and priests across the multiverse. Mortals who had once sought unlimited power through devotion and feats now faced a world where boundaries had been redefined.

The Divine Triad — Sung Jin-Woo, Ashborn, and Sung Su-Ho — convened within the radiant halls of the Godverse. Their decision was clear:

"Let the heights of power for mortals be measured with balance, not excess," Sung Jin-Woo declared, his golden eyes shining with resolve.

Ashborn nodded solemnly. "Power without restraint breeds chaos."

Sung Su-Ho added with a grin, "It's time for them to find purpose in living, not just climbing."

The New Order

From that moment forward, new limitations were established across the multiverse:

1. Level Cap: Mortal beings would no longer surpass Level 120, which was equivalent to an S^5-Rank hunter. This level marked the pinnacle of mortal strength and capability, a fair balance between power and responsibility.

2. No Celestial Wings or Advanced Hearts:

The second black heart, attainable only at Level 300, was now forever beyond the reach of Sung Jin-Woo’s mortal followers.

The celestial wings bestowed by Ashborn required Level 500, as did the second dragon heart granted by Sung Su-Ho. Since mortal levels could no longer surpass 120, these gifts were rendered unobtainable.

3. Mount Restrictions: Mortals, regardless of rank or achievements, would no longer be granted mythical mounts such as:

Pegasus

Wyverns

Griffins

Flying Fenrirs

These majestic beasts were now reserved for celestial beings and the Divine Triad's trusted legions.

Reactions Across the Realms

The decree sent ripples through the multiverse.

In the Heavenly Realm, followers and priests accepted the decision with reverence, trusting the wisdom of the Divine Triad.

In the Mortal Realms, some grumbled at the newfound limitations, lamenting the loss of their dreams to soar on celestial wings or wield unimaginable power. However, many others embraced the change, relieved to focus on meaningful lives rather than endless pursuits of strength.

The Nine Divine Dragons observed the mortals with curiosity. "Now they will learn that greatness isn't measured by wings or hearts," remarked Sung Ye-Rin, her silver wings shimmering.

A Shift in Purpose

Gabriel, the Archangel of Guidance, descended to meet select saints and priests. His message was simple yet profound:

"True devotion is not proven by strength but by virtue. Serve with humility, love, and compassion, and you shall find fulfillment beyond power."

This teaching echoed across temples, sanctuaries, and worship sites, gradually reshaping the hearts and minds of mortals.

The Divine Triad's Vision Fulfilled

In the Godverse, Sung Jin-Woo observed the shifting tides with satisfaction.

"They no longer need to chase immortality," he said softly, his voice filled with certainty. "They will find meaning in living."

Ashborn smiled faintly. "Mortality is a gift when embraced fully."

Sung Su-Ho laughed heartily. "And maybe without mounts, they'll actually learn to walk again!"

The Divine Triad had spoken. The age of boundless ambition had ended, giving rise to an era of balance, wisdom, and purposeful living.

And so, the multiverse flourished, not in the endless pursuit of power, but in the harmonious rhythm of life itself.